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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY REPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS, SHORTCOMINGS

BUILDING MATERIALS ENTERPRISES IGNORE RESOURCES -- Promyshlennost'
Stroitel'nykh Materialov, No 29, 15 Jul 49

Enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry RSFSR completed the half-year plan for gross production and for production of brick, lime, gypsum, tile, and other products. In comparison with the first half of 1948, the increase in production was 50 percent for bricks, 32.2 percent for gypsum, 55.4 percent for tile, and 32.5 percent for lime. The utilization of equipment in the industry exceeded the prewar level.

However, enterprises of the brick, lime, gypsum, and tile branches of production have resources that are not being fully exploited. The Korenovo and Krasnopremenskiy brick plants each produce one million bricks per month per press, but the average monthly production of bricks by all silica plants during the first 5 months of this year was only 780,000 pieces per press. Some silica plants, such as Gor'kiy Plant No. 1, Saratov Plant, and Chapayevskiy Plant, produce only half as much as the leading enterprises. The average drying time in the red brick plants is 30 - 40 percent longer than the time taken in the leading plants, such as the Nikol'sk and Mzhzhe-Kotel'skiy plants.

In the lime plants, average daily production of lime from mechanized shaft ovens is 500 kilograms per day per cubic meter of oven, while the Krasnogorskenskiy Silica Plant produces 1,000 kilograms per day per cubic meter of oven.

In May 1949 about one third of the enterprises of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry RSFSR did not complete the production plan. A majority of these enterprises were small plants far removed from cities and object centers.

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ESTONIAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS INDUSTRY TOPS PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 154, 2 Jul 49

The leading enterprises of the construction materials industry in Estonia have reached the 1950 production level. By intensifying mechanization and mechanizing manual processes, enterprises of the Estonian Association of Construction Materials Industry fulfilled the half-year plan 110 percent and ahead of schedule, giving the Republic several million rubles' worth of products above plan.

Among leading enterprises are: the "Punane Kunda" Plant, which fulfilled the half-year plan 119 percent; the Plant imeni Lomax, 129 percent; the "Eesti Diatomit" Plant, 144 percent; the "Terve" Roofing Paper Plant, 132 percent; the "TEP" Plant, 125 percent; and a number of others.

Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 169, 14 Jul 49

The "Punane Kunda" Plant fulfilled the 8-month gross-production plan ahead of schedule. Since the beginning of the year, thousands of tons of cement have been produced above plan. Labor productivity increased considerably over the first half of 1948.

BRICK PLANT TO INCREASE OUTPUT -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 125, 29 Jun 49

The Chinkent Brick Plant is being expanded. Tunnel chambers for drying bricks with hot gases are being built. Construction is being completed on a molding shop and new openworks, and narrow-gauge railroad track is being laid. A new roasting oven which will double the plant's brick production will be constructed this year.

REFRACTORY PLANT COMPLETES PLAN -- Pravda Uralny, No 159, 8 Jul 49

The Chasov Yar Refractory Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze (director, Gendek') Stalinskiy, completed the 1949 6-month plan, and has completed the Five-Year Plan in 3.5 years. The plant has exceeded its prewar rate of production by 29.8 percent for fire-clay products and 56.9 percent for high refractories. During the first 6 months of 1949, 25.2 percent more fire-clay products and 26.2 percent more high refractories were produced than during the corresponding period of last year. The plant has introduced a new improved method of producing lump chamotte and has begun production of chromomagnesite. The plant acquired 767,000 rubles of above-plan accumulations during the first 5 months of 1949 and has released 4,510,000 rubles of working capital.

STEEL PARTS COMPLETED FOR MOSCOW BUILDING -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 132, 4 Jun 49

The "Volgostroy" Machinery Plant has completed production of the first column of the steel framework for the 32-story building to be built in Moscow according to plans drawn up by Laureate of the Stalin Prize D. Chechulin. Several platform cars loaded with plates, anchor bolts, and other parts of the framework for the first story have been shipped to Moscow.

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RUSTAVI PLANT MAKES CONTAINERS -- Zarya Yevlana, No 165, 13 Jul 49

The Rustavi Mechanized Plant of "Yakmetallstroy" Trust for Construction of Metallurgical Enterprises has produced 4,000 metal boxes for transporting bricks and tiles. The plant is using waste armature iron for the boxes and 20,000 rubles and 32 tons of round 10 - 12 millimeter iron in their production.

IRON TILE PRODUCED -- Kommunist, No 165, 13 Jul 49

Using waste from the Yerevan Electric-Machine-Building Plant, the machine shop of the industrial combine of Stalinskiy Rayon, Yerevan city, has begun production of iron tile. The shop will produce 20,000 pieces of iron tile before the end of July.

ESTONIAN MARBLE SHIPPED TO MOSCOW -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 164, 14 Jul 49

Estonian marble from Vazalemma will be used in finishing exteriors and interiors of a number of Moscow buildings. Plans are also being made to use Vazalemma marble for the Estonian pavilion at the All-Union Agricultural Exhibition.

Exploitation of Vazalemma marble is being expanded, and quarrying operations and production of marble slabs and monoliths is being mechanized.

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